

San Antonio, TX-Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23), a member of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, today touted Operation Stonegarden grants awarded to several counties in his district for a total of \$4.13 million. The Brewster County Sheriff's Department received \$800,000 and the Presidio County Sheriff's Department received \$410,000 from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The money comes from the 2008 Appropriations Bill due to language inserted in the bill by Rodriguez.

"As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I have the unique ability to gain funding for projects in Brewster and Presidio Counties, Alpine and the other communities in my district," said Rodriguez. "The money that our sheriffs will receive will help to protect our families and communities in our border counties."

Stonegarden began as a successful pilot program in 2005 that involved 14 border states. The initiative provides federal dollars to reimburse local law enforcement for costs incurred while working in coordination with federal law enforcement agencies at our borders. These costs can include overtime pay, fuel, and vehicle maintenance that would otherwise come out of local budgets.

In June Rodriguez again announced \$60 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program's (SHSGP) Operation Stonegarden as part of the 2009 DHS Appropriations Bill.

Below is the money received by the border counties in Rodriguez's district:

- **\$800,000** for Brewster County Sheriff's Department

- **\$410,000** for Presidio County Sheriff's Department

- **\$1.4 Million** for Maverick County Sheriff's Department
- **\$130,000** for Kinney County Sheriff's Department
- **\$1.39 Million** for Val Verde County Sheriff's Department